

## MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

## FIREARMS CARRIED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

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- **I. PURPOSE:** To maintain safety for patients, employees and law enforcement officials.
- **II. POLICY:** All law enforcement officials will be asked to secure their firearms in their vehicle before entering any patient occupied building at Montana State Hospital.
- III. **DEFINITIONS:** None
- **IV. RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Directors of Nursing Services and Information Resources will ensure admission and operations staff follow this policy.

## V. PROCEDURE:

- A. Hospital operations/admission staff will inform law enforcement officials that the hospital requires firearms be secured in a vehicle before entry to any building at Montana State Hospital.
- B. This policy applies to the main hospital, Spratt Building, Therapeutic Learning Center, the maintenance buildings, and other buildings that law enforcement officials may enter.
- VI. REFERENCES: None
- VII. COLLABORATED WITH: Safety Officer and the Director of Nursing Services.
- VIII. RESCISSIONS: #ADM-02, Firearms Carried by Law Enforcement Officials dated May 15, 2001; #ADM-02, Firearms Carried by Law Enforcement Officials dated February 14, 2000; H.O.P.P. # 6-F.093092, Firearms Carried by Law Enforcement Officials dated September 30, 1992.
- **IX. DISTRIBUTION:** All hospital policy manuals
- X. REVIEW AND REISSUE DATE: June 2007
- XI. FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY: Director of Information Resources
- XII. ATTACHMENTS: None

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